REMARKS

Upon entry of the present paper claim 13 will have been amended to clarify the claim language therein, with claims 1-29 remaining pending for consideration by the Examiner. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added to the amended claim. Rather, claim 13 has been amended in a manner similar to the amendment made to claim 1 in Applicant's Amendment and Response of March 18, 2005 (i.e., to correct clerical errors therein). Specifically, claim 13 has been amended to recite that the lens element ---moves--- (rather than "rotates") along the optical axis, to recite that the at least one engaging projection can be inserted into and removed into and from said at least one circumferential groove through said insertion/removable hole, and to recite that the stopper is insertable into and removable into and from said at least one circumferential groove.

Thus, the present amendment does not continue prosecution of the application but merely corrects clerical errors to claim 13. Further, the present amendment does not involve a substantial amount of work as only one claim is involved. Thus, entry of the amendment in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 is submitted to be appropriate.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests consideration and entry of the present amendment in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 and return of the present application to allowance. Such action is respectfully requested and is now believed to be appropriate and proper.

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Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this Amendment or the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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